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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Schwabe *et al.*

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For: RELAXIN-LIKE FACTOR AND METHODS AND USES THEREOF Attorney Docket No.: 7842-0047-999

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 5, 1998 (Paper No. 5), and pursuant to the provisions of Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the following amendments and remarks. The Applicants submit herewith a Petition to Extend The Time For Reply by three months, accompanied by the appropriate fee, and a Fee Transmittal Sheet. Also enclosed is a copy of the world wide web page at [www.connetics.com/relaxin.html](http://www.connetics.com/relaxin.html).

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (twice amended) A method of treating a mammal for a condition susceptible to treatment with relaxin comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of relaxin like factor comprising an A chain and a B chain, said A chain having the amino acid sequence:

Ala-Ala-Ala-Thr-Asn-Pro-Ala-Arg-Tyr-Cys-Cys-Leu-Ser-Gly-Cys-Thr-Gln-Gln-Asp-Leu-Leu-Thr-Leu-Cys-Pro-Tyr (SEQ ID NO:3)

or said amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:3) truncated by up to about 6 amino acids from the N-terminus and/or by up to 6 amino acids from the C-terminus;

said B chain having the amino acid sequence: